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Vaad Ha'lr adopts Multiple Appeals Policy

At its November meeting, the Vaad Ha'lr Board of Trustees approved the implementation of a Multiple Appeals Policy which sets out guidelines and criteria for organizations wishing to fundraise in the Jewish community.

The Vaad Ha'lr has always enjoyed the cooperation of the organizations, synagogues and agencies serving this community. Notwithstanding this report, the proliferation and competitiveness of fundraising campaigns have negatively affected the Ottawa UJA Campaign and as a result, impacted the stability of vital funding to local agencies and the United Israel Appeal.

To meet this challenge, the community has acknowledged that the success of the annual UJA Campaign is Ottawa's first priority in the fundraising arena. However, the Vaad also acknowledged the necessity for communal organizations to raise funds to fulfil their individual mandates. Accordingly, the Multiple Appeal Policy states that:

- The UJA of Ottawa continues to be the primary campaign of the Ottawa Jewish community, and from September 15 to November 30 each year, there will be no new fundraising activities permitted.

- The fundraising activities of the constituent members of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'lr are to be coordinated and

enhanced.

- The fundraising campaigns of all organizations are to be integrated into the Community Fundraising Calendar.

- All fundraising organizations continue to cooperate and interact in the best interests of the community by avoiding a multiplicity of conflicting campaigns.

To ensure a fair application of this policy the Vaad has established a Multiple Appeals Committee (MAC), chaired by Gerry Levitz.

Organizations - be they from within or from outside the community - must obtain written approval of the MAC before engaging in major fundraising campaigns. Each organization will be permitted only one fundraising activity per year between \$25,000 and \$100,000. Major campaigns over \$100,000 will be permitted only once every five years, except for synagogue campaigns, where at least 90% of the objective will come from members. Organizations expecting to raise less than \$25,000 or at least 80% of their funds from the non-Jewish public and not more than \$25,000 from the Jewish community are not required to submit an application for approval but must report their intention to hold an event.

The Vaad also recognized and protected certain organizations which

have traditionally conducted annual fundraising campaigns/events for many (at least 10) years. They will automatically be authorized to continue under a grandfather clause.

In implementing the Multiple Appeals Policy, the Vaad has recognized the importance of the annual UJA Campaign while at the same time respecting the historic rights of organizations that do not fall under the UJA umbrella but have a history of fundraising in the community. It is hoped that this policy will improve coordination among the community's organizations and result in more effective fundraising initiatives.



As part of its Holocaust Education Program, the Ottawa Shoah (Holocaust) Remembrance Committee sponsored the Danish produced exhibit "October 1943 - The Rescue of the Danish Jews from Annihilation". Members of the community, including children from Jewish and public schools, who viewed the exhibit at the JCC learned the incredible story of how the Jews of Denmark were rescued en masse from certain death at Nazi hands by their non-Jewish neighbors.

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UJA Ottawa

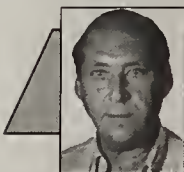
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UJA 1997 Campaign — it matters

COMMENTARY

GA deals with contentious issue of religious pluralism



VAAD REPORT

LAWRENCE GREENBERG
PRESIDENT, VAAD HA'IR

In mid November, twelve members of the Ottawa Jewish community attended the General Assembly (GA) of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) in Seattle, Washington.

The GA is the most significant annual gathering of Jewish communities in North America. Some 3,000 Jewish lay leadership and professionals met to discuss such issues as Jewish continuity, Israel-Diaspora relations, financial management of Jewish federations, UJA fundraising and to listen to a variety of speeches from Jewish leadership. In addition, the GA is worthwhile because it provides a venue to meet leaders from communities across North America, to learn about innovative ideas and to speak with the most creative people working for Jewish federations.

One of the issues generating the most discussion at the GA was the question of religious pluralism. Prime Minister Netanyahu has recently come under pressure from religious parties in his coalition government to pass new legislation which would invalidate non-Orthodox conversions. A resolution urging the government of Israel

"to abstain from amending legislation, or passing new legislation which would change the current situation regarding conversions" was passed at the GA. The CJF further asked the government "not to change any aspect of the Law of Return, which is one of the pillars of Jewish identification with the State of Israel in each and every Jewish community around the world."

The CJF expressed further concern that any change to laws in Israel will alienate Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and other liberal Jews in North America and will cause divisions between Jews in Israel and the Diaspora. In North America, the majority of Jews are affiliated with non-Orthodox congregations.

When Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke, he assured the GA delegates that any new legislation will not invalidate non-Orthodox conversions performed outside Israel and that he would continue to support the existing policy that would not recognize non-Orthodox conversions performed in Israel. While it was reassuring for some to hear the prime minister's commitment to respect non-Orthodox conversions performed in the Diaspora, many at the GA were disappointed that their fellow non-Orthodox Israelis will not have this same entitlement.

The resolution approved at the GA called upon the

CJF to "urge the leaders of Israel not to underestimate the strength of feeling on this matter, and its detrimental effect on Jewish unity and Israel-Diaspora relations." The CJF leadership was directed "to convey to the political leaders of Israel, in the most vigorous, immediate and continuing way possible, that they must not risk dividing the world Jewish community." Simultaneously, the delegates reaffirmed their "continued and total support for Israel, and for the Federation/UJA/UJA-Canada Campaigns, and called upon every Jewish organization and institution in North America to endorse this principle."

This resolution has now been sent to all Jewish federations and we have been urged to support this position.

Through this CJF initiative, it appears that the Diaspora community is strongly united in opposing any consequential changes adversely affecting the status of Jews in Israel and in North America. It is hoped that the Government of Israel, which reflects the hopes and aspirations of Jews beyond the borders of Israel, will take seriously the views of Diaspora Jewry on this issue.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

JANUARY 8 FOR JANUARY 27

JANUARY 22 FOR FEBRUARY 10

The December Dilemma

Since my arrival in North America in 1959, I have been in one way or another involved in the December Dilemma. The term itself was believed to have been coined by rabbis in the 1950s to deal with the questions raised by congregants who wished to participate in the great commercial endeavor of the secularized winter holiday season. With the great success of the American classic "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas", ironically written by a Jew, and the growth of television with Gertrude Berg's story "Chanukah Bush" in the living rooms of North America, it became hard to escape the season.

As Jews became more accepted in some newly opened commercial and professional areas, new questions were raised regarding participation in North American culture during the month of December.

Then, as Jews were moving out of the Jewish neighbourhoods into the integrated suburbs, additional questions were raised. All the while our kids had been bombarded by Christian religious symbols through secular authorities. The official tree lighting ceremony and the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade were televised into our living rooms officially opening this commercial season. The official Canadian Santa Claus Parades started the season even earlier.

In the past generations when most Jewish children attended public schools, even in Jewish neighbourhoods, many recall the irony of Jewish children bringing money for the class Christmas tree and singing or playing in the school Christmas assembly and/or pageant.

Twenty and 30 years ago it was easier for some congregational rabbis to deal with the congregants' December Dilemma. We were clearly a minority in a majority culture. We had our holidays and they had theirs. We all developed our own unique survival techniques. In the book "The Art of Jewish Living" the author writes: "If we have learned nothing else, we have found that every North American Jew has his or her own *hilkhot Christmas*, Jewish Laws of how he or she will deal with Christmas. These include such classic examples as 'mouthing certain words in the Carols', 'visiting but not celebrating Christmas', 'We go to their house for Christmas and they



FROM THE PULPIT

RABBI ELY M. BRAUN
BETH SHALOM

come to our house for Chanukah/Passover'. In essence, our families have taught us that Christmas cannot be escaped..."

Over the last decade or two, as I have been formally participating or leading seminars on the December Dilemma, I have noticed a tremendous shift in the questions discussed. Over 20 years ago, Lewis Caplan, then president of the Baltimore Hebrew College, spoke about a loving Christian grandmother who told her Jewish daughter that she may bring her Jewish children to visit 363 days a year but not on Christmas or Easter. These were her religious days and she did not wish to confuse her religiously observant Jewish grandchildren. Times have changed. Today, with the rate of intermarriage regrettably on the rise, and even for the Jews by choice who authentically observe and follow their Jewish faith, the complexity of the issues has truly changed.

This brief Bulletin message cannot give the answers, but we must all be aware of the great complexities and emotional stresses that members of our Jewish community are going through during December holiday season. Some years ago my Christian colleagues were involved in the campaign "Take the X out of X-Mas". The commercialism and secularization have become an enemy to authentic religious experience on both sides of the issue.

Commercialism has even reached a level where the children's almanac lists Chanukah as a major Jewish holiday, neglecting the Biblical pilgrimage festivals of Sukkot and Shavuot. Our solution is to strengthen our own identity within this beautiful country, take pride in our own culture and take full advantage of living our lives as Jews.

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Annual JNF Tu B'Shevat Telethon, January 19



Mark Klyman



Michael Silverman

What better way is there to celebrate 100 years of Zionism and ensure that Israel's Negev becomes a green and productive place than to co-chair the Tu B'Shevat Telethon as Mark Klyman and Michael Silverman have volunteered to do. They will oversee this event which will take place on Sunday, January 19 at the offices of the Regional Group.

Both are very enthusiastic and creative and have generated numerous ideas to realize maximum results from this year's campaign. Mark Klyman, an associate director at ScotiaMcLeod and Michael Silverman, a tariffs officer at Department of Finance, are active JNF Board and community members who bring with them varied backgrounds in fundraising and leadership. Their goal is for each member of the Ottawa Jewish community to participate in both the 100th anniversary celebration of Zionism and the greening of the Negev by planting a tree in Israel.

One of the chief aims of Jewish settlement in Israel has always been to populate the Negev, the site of the State's largest land reserves. To accomplish this

in an arid region calls for the planting of a variety of trees which will improve the environment, halt desertification, prevent soil erosion and provide valuable shade for outdoor rest and recreation.

The major action plan for JNF in the Negev also includes the development of hot house parks, the planting of citrus belts, the cultivation of olive plantations and fish breeding ponds, land reclamation, redressing settlements and ensuring adequate water supplies. This is a mammoth undertaking and when complete will have positive results on employment, standard of living and quality of life in the region.

Mark Klyman and Michael Silverman are confident that the Ottawa Jewish community will want to participate and will respond generously during the Telethon. By doing so, individuals can reaffirm their direct connection with the State and People of Israel and help realize David Ben-Gurion's vision of "greening and settling the wilderness".

For further information or if you wish to volunteer, call the JNF office (789-9047).

Emunah Women of Ottawa

Chanukah Supper Quiz

By Robin Mader

What were the names of the Maccabi brothers? Who was the third president of the State of Israel? Which Jewish composer fled Germany to Hollywood and inspired the theme from *Star Wars*? On what date was the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement signed and who signed on behalf of Israel?

If you enjoy *Trivial Pursuit* and think you could win at *Jeopardy*, why not come along and have some fun while you exercise your brain and memory at the *Chanukah Supper Quiz* sponsored by Emunah Women of Ottawa?

All over the city, people are preparing for the Saturday night December 14 chal-

lenge by boning up on all sorts of Jewish topics, including history, geography, biography, literature, music and current events. You can form your own group of four players in advance or wait until you arrive at the home of Paul and Jennie Clamen, 684 Brierwood Avenue, to find some partners. After all the psychic energy is expended, enjoy the tasty Chanukah supper treats and holiday conversation. Arrive promptly at 7:30 so you won't be late for the beginning of the quiz!

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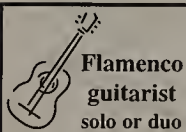
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Special guest at Annual General Meeting

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Stewart indicated the difficult times that the Ottawa region is going through because of budgetary constraints, but emphasized the opportunity that we have through restructuring and redirecting services delivery. He stressed that Jewish Family Services has an important role to play in this new direction. In particular, he recognized JFS's important role in mentoring the Somali community. This assistance not only facilitates the new immigrants to integrate into Canadian culture, but helps the new immigrant community create its own institutions, social services and cultural supports. These are all important to the well-being not only of the new Somali community, but for the Ottawa-Carleton Region, which is better able to integrate these new arrivals.

The commissioner also emphasized the need to measure outcomes and guarantee service effectiveness for clients.



George Caplan (left) is presented with a plaque by outgoing JFS Chair Stephen Goldstein, in recognition of over 10 years of volunteer service.

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Iz Shinder
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By Mayer Alvo

Over 150 people attended a recent reception hosted by the Ottawa Jewish Community Cemeteries Committee in honor of Israel Shinder. Iz, as he is more familiarly known, recently retired from his position as chair of the committee, a post he held for more than 20 years.

Iz did an outstanding job overseeing the management of the cemeteries bringing to bear a wealth of knowledge and experience. Under his leadership, the community acquired a site for the New Cemetery, a project which took approximately three years to complete.



Iz and Maureen Shinder

"Best summer of my life" writes
Migicovsky scholarship recipient

Rifka Davids of Toronto received financial aid from the Dr. Bert Migicovsky Scholarship Fund which enabled her to attend the 1996 Karyn Kupcinec International Science School at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

In her letter of appreciation to Geri Migicovsky, Rifka writes, "... this has been the best summer of my life - it has been the most productive and the most enjoyable.

The friends I made this summer are from different countries, cultures and backgrounds, but we quickly formed a cohesive group which, I hope, will endure."

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Camp B'nai Brith
Director's Report

Steve Forman, Director



It's really a pleasure to be entering my second year as director of Camp B'nai Brith Ottawa.

Last summer was terrific, and I want to thank all of our campers and staff for making it a truly memorable experience.

Plans are already under way for the summer of 1997, and I want to take this opportunity to update you on the direction we intend to take.

Recently, we completed a comprehensive survey of all parents who sent their children to CBB last season. Thank you for helping out by completing and returning the survey forms. The response was incredible. I appreciate all the positive comments and truly value the concrete suggestions that you made. Many parents expressed a feeling that there should be more emphasis on the basics - swimming, tripping and waterfront. This has now become a reality. Planning for the summer of 1997 already includes much more emphasis on these areas including a much more intensive swimming program. Campers will receive swimming instruction a minimum of five times per week, and more emphasis will be placed on completing Red Cross levels. Many other modifications are being planned, and I will make an effort to

keep you informed as we work our way to the next camp season.

I'm excited to tell you that many of our very popular head staff have already indicated they are returning for another year. Sherri Gennis, Jeff Kanter, Elayne Schacter, Cathy Indig and Ida Firestone will be back and are all being given larger roles in the operation of CBB. These tremendous individuals were the backbone of the camp last year. It's a real joy to have them with me again.

Our new video is now ready for distribution. It is a great production, with all footage shot on location at CBB during the summer of 1996. If you'd like a copy, please feel free to contact me.

And just a quick note to let you know that registrations are flowing in earlier than ever before. Please make your arrangements for the summer of 1997 so you won't be disappointed, and don't forget that time is running out to take advantage of the reduced rates if you register by the end of the year.

Our next big event is the Camper Reunion on January 19. Those of you who were at last year's reunion know it was the best ever. This year's is going to be even bigger and more exciting, so mark it on your calendar.

On behalf of all of us at Camp B'nai Brith, have a very Happy Chanukah.



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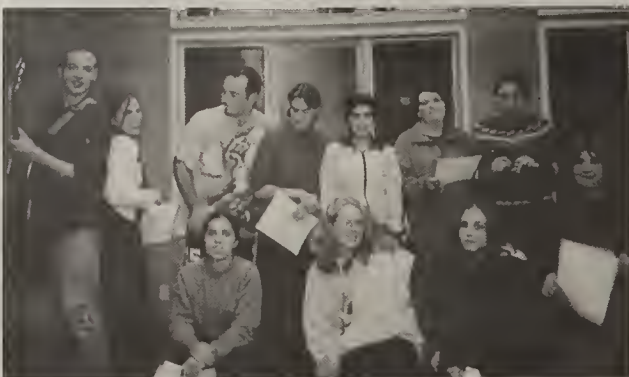
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Enjoying the Camp Gesher Fall Seminar Reunion

Camp Gesher seminar explores self-empowerment

In early November, Habonim Dror/Camp Gesher held its annual Fall Seminar Reunion.

Over 80 campers and 30 counsellors from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton, and Kingston were reunited for the first time since camp ended. This year's theme was a departure from the norm, with an emphasis on social justice and self-empowerment rather than just looking at Israel.

The theme of self-empowerment was explored through yoga, creative visualization, creative writing, music and pro-

grams on environmentalism and the peace process in Israel.

By the end of the seminar everyone felt that the goal to gain self-empowerment had been realized. The campers left after signing protest letters about the peace process, some with a new found interest in yoga, and others with hand-made environmentally friendly burlap bags.

For more information about Habonim Dror or Camp Gesher, call 728-8560; E-mail: CampGesher@aol.com or visit the website at http://members.aol.com/camp_gesher.

What's new from JSU-Hillel?

JSU-Hillel, in conjunction with Jewish Family Services, will be presenting a four-part series on Interdating and Intermarriage in the 90s.

The following sessions will take place on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm:

- **January 20**
- A community perspective
- **January 27**
- Relationships and intimacy
- **February 3**
- The mikveh and conversion
- **February 10**
- From the perspective of an intermarried couple

All are welcome and mixed dating couples are encouraged to attend. A contribution of \$20.00 per couple or \$10.00 per person would be appreciated to cover costs.

You should also mark Sunday, January 12, 1997 on your calendar. On that date, Professor Ilai Alon, a specialist in Islamic Studies at Tel Aviv University, will discuss "Everything a Jewish Student Should Know About Islam".

For more information on these programs, including venue, call the JSU-Hillel office (562-5800, ext. 3095).

Mazal Tov!



It's a girl!

Alan and Andrea Kreidstein are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter Jaclyn Faith, born Thursday, November 7, 1996. Proud grandparents are Al and Marion Shapiro and Morris and Betty Kreidstein of Toronto.

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Judy Feld Carr returns to Ottawa to address the YWLC

The Young Women's Leadership Council (YWLC) held its first of two UJA campaign meetings last month at the residence of the Israeli ambassador. His Excellency Ambassador David Sultan and his wife Adina were the hosts of this very special evening. Also in attendance was the executive of the newly formed Men's Leadership Council chaired by Mark Thaw.



Judy Feld Carr

Feld Carr, a leader in the Toronto Jewish community, has been instrumental in achieving freedom for Syrian Jews over a 23 year period. Her story is remarkable, inspiring and heart-warming. Fortunately, for thousands of Syrian Jews the story is now complete; the last chapter has been written. Today, only a handful, less than 100 Jews, reside in Syria. For many reasons, they have chosen not to leave.

Judy Feld Carr returned to Ottawa for the third time to address the YWLC. In her welcome, Laurie Shusterman recalled the time two years previously when Feld Carr addressed the group: "When I think of how to describe that evening, it would be best to compare it with a really good book. After you have read it, you recommend it to all your friends and relatives... and after a period of time you can't wait to read it again. But the last time I was given the opportunity to read this novel, this amazing story, we were never able to reach the end for the story was not complete."

Feld Carr was recently honored by the Israeli government and this month will be the first Canadian to receive the "Freedom Award" from the United States Anti-Defamation League.

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Judaica items are available in Ottawa

Dear Editor,

I would like to make a comment in reference to the article Chanukah Book Fair Nov. 17 (Centrefold, Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, October 21, 1996). The article states as follows: "Finding quality children's books with Jewish content is usually a difficult task in Ottawa."

We take exception to this statement.

We are a small yet viable entity here in Ottawa which sells a wide variety of Judaica items, including children's books. We have been operating in the city for approximately nine years, and we will get anything that we don't stock. We feel that we are as competitive in prices as Toronto or Montreal and provide the community with a reason to shop locally.

Arthur and Gittel Sheffield
For All Occasions Judaica

Interested in Chassidic music series

Dear Editor,

On November 17, I had the privilege of attending a lecture given by Velvel Pasternak on Chassidic music. This was a memorable experience. The

speaker's knowledge of Jewish music is encyclopedic and his presentation style is outstanding.

Perhaps there are others in the community who would like to explore this subject area more extensively. Immediately following his presentation, I spoke with Ann Lynn Lipton, JCC executive director. It was suggested that perhaps a lecture series could be created, possibly funded by subscription.

If you would be interested in pursuing this further, please call Ann Lynn Lipton (789-1818) to indicate your interest.

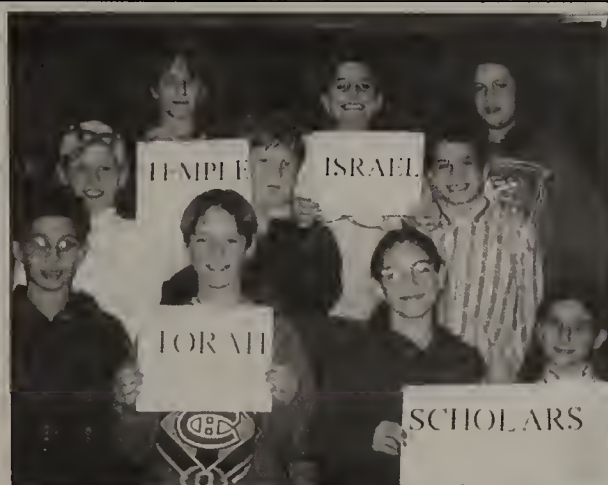
Many thanks to those involved in organizing Prof. Pasternak's presentation. It was a highlight.

Sandra Levine Slover

Editor's note: For a review of Velvel Pasternak's lecture series, see page 8.

Letters welcome

Letters to the Editor are welcome if they are brief, signed, timely and of interest to our readership. The OJB reserves the right to refuse, edit or condense letters. The Mailbag column will be published as space permits.



Temple Israel Religious School at Bible Contest

Temple Israel Religious School will be represented for the first time at the National Bible Contest of the World Zionist Organization. These "Torah Scholars" are in the process of preparing 26 chapters in the *Book of Exodus*. The first stage of the competition will take place in Ottawa on February 9, 1997.

Pictured (front row from left to right): Daniel Schwartz, Jordan Potechin, Samara List, Jordana Cox; (middle row) Joshua Weiss, Joshua Paquin, Julien MacKenzie-Feder; (back row) Daniel Tarof, Michael Chochinov, Myra Bloom.

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Velvel Pasternak, ethnomusicologist, thrills local audiences

By Ian Sadinsky

Velvel Pasternak, who bills himself as the world's leading Jewish ethnomusicologist, enthralled many local Jewish music aficionados at a series of three lectures sponsored by the LChaim Fund of Congregation Beth Shalom.

The renowned musician, scholar, lecturer and raconteur regaled his audiences with story after story at a Friday night Shabbaton, a Saturday afternoon lecture and a Sunday morning lecture and demonstration, presented as part of the JCC Book Fair. He provided numerous examples, often hilarious, of how Jewish music has "adopted and adapted" outside musical influences over the centuries to produce a unique musical idiom.

One obvious example is the conversion of a Christian hymn, *Rock of Ages*, into the *Maoz Tsur* for Chanukah. Pasternak explained that reform-minded rabbis in the 19th century thought that they could promote better relations between Judaism and Christianity by developing some common musical themes.

Another example, the familiar and melodious leitmotiv that characterizes the blessings on Rosh Hashanah, is in fact taken from Christian sources as well. Pasternak pointed out that the Gregorian chants, perhaps the most famous melodies in the Christian liturgy, are themselves borrowed from Jewish sources. In fact, a pope during the 13th century was so concerned about the influence of Jewish music on the Church that he forbade Christian nobility from attending synagogue services where they were exposed to and transferred Jewish music to their own services.

The two-way flow of music, according to Pasternak, continues until this day. Pasternak, who is an expert on the



Velvel Pasternak

music of the Chassidim, provided recent examples of secular melodies, such as *The Marseillaise* and *Polly Wolly Doodle* being "Judaized" and finding their way into the music of this unique community.

Pasternak, who founded Tara Publications, one of the largest publishers of Jewish music in the world, was born in Toronto. He attended The Juilliard School of Music, dropping out of Yeshiva Rabbinical School to pursue his love of music. With his wife Goldie at his side, Pasternak continues to enthrall, amaze and entertain students of all ages with his knowledge of the origins of Jewish melodies.

Pasternak believes that melodies - "niguns" - are central to the Jewish being, and that it is the responsibility of the Jew to capture those internal melodies and make them part of his spiritual and communal life.

Pasternak does give examples, however, of how that desire to develop these melodies can lead sometimes to strange and humorous outcomes. He relates the story of a Chassid in New York, who composes a special melody for his daughter's forthcoming wedding. Before the event, the Rebbe has the good sense to check with Pasternak on the musicality of this new composition. To his surprise (and to the amazement of the bride's father, who is a part of the closed Chassid community), the basis for the new song is none other than *Jingle Bells*! The song was quickly scrapped and other selections were substituted.

When asked about the influence of Jewish music on modern American composers and performers, such as George Gershwin, Neil Diamond, Paul Simon and others, Pasternak pointed out an example in the great 20th century opera

Porgy and Bess. According to Pasternak, the opening line to the song *It Ain't Necessarily So* is in fact the first blessing when one is called to the Torah (Barchu et Adoshem Hom'vorach)!

A tape of the Sunday lecture on the Chassidim, complete with musical examples, is available at Congregation Beth Shalom for students and individuals who would like to learn more about the origins of Jewish music, and have a very good laugh at the same time.

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Sunday, January 19 is Telethon time!

On Tu B'Shevat, Israelis historically take to the JNF forests... and Ottawa JNF volunteers take to the phones.

This year is no exception. At almost the same moment Israeli families begin spreading their blankets to picnic in celebration of Tu B'Shevat, an army of JNF Ottawa volunteers will begin to blanket the community in a city-wide canvass aimed at creating ever-more forests in the mighty little State.

"The response to the Annual Tu B'Shevat Telethon is always terrific," says Telethon Co-Chair Mark Klyman. "Ottawans are very supportive of what JNF does in Israel. They understand the vital importance of 'not seeing the forest for the trees'... and they do buy trees."

The new year, 1997, marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of Zionism, making it a very special year for Jews the world over.

"We've come a long way in the last century and we have much to be proud of," Telethon Co-Chair Michael Silverman says. "And JNF has played an integral part in all that has been accomplished."

To acknowledge the 100-year milestone, JNF is focusing its efforts on bringing to life the vision of Israel's first prime minister.

"The Negev will be the test of the Jewish People and the Jewish State," David Ben-Gurion said. "For only through the concerted effort of a people that volunteers and a state that plans and acts will we be able to meet the mighty task of greening and settling the wilderness."

With its long years of experience spent greening and settling the wilderness, JNF is well-positioned to bring the Negev to life. Phones will be ringing all over Ottawa as volunteer canvassers ask your help in planting the trees that will make the Negev bloom.

When your JNF call comes, please lend your generous support. And take the opportunity to perform a double mitzvah by planting the trees you buy in honor or in memory of a loved one.

The Regional Group offices at 200 Catherine St. are headquarters for the JNF Tu B'Shevat Telethon, scheduled for all day Sunday, January 19.

Meet Ottawa's two new B'nei Mitzvah

Mazal Tov to recent Bar Mitzvah Joshua Sherman and Bat Mitzvah Sylvia Simson. Both Joshua's and Sylvia's parents chose to add a meaningful dimension to the special day by inscribing their children's names in the JNF Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah displayed in the foyer of Keren Kayemeth L'Israel in Jerusalem.

Joshua's grandparents, Laya and Sol Shabinsky, and his great grandmother, Bess Greenberg, also honored the Bar Mitzvah by inscribing his name in the JNF Golden Book.

JNF's February MegaTour to Israel has brand new twist

How about starting your trip to Israel with R & R? The 1997 Mega Tour begins with four days of rest and recreation in beautiful, sun-drenched Eilat. Then, with the winter blues just a cold memory, you'll tour all the highlights of Israel relaxed and ready to absorb every fascinating facet of the land we love. Plan to join fellow Canadians from across the country on an exceptional journey February 19 - March 3.

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Celebrate Lag B'Omer in Morocco

Pictures of nomad warriors storming the dunes of the Sahara Desert with drawn swords is one of the images we have of Morocco. However, contemporary Morocco is a colorful and diverse country, the result of African, Islamic, Arabic, Jewish, Berber and European influences. The country is an amalgamation of French savoir faire, African grandeur and gracious Arab hospitality.

Beth Shalom West's Cantor Daniel Benlolo, who was born in Morocco, is planning a tour to this fascinating country in May 1997. The trip has been planned around the holiday of Lag B'Omer which is special to the Jews of Morocco. Trip participants will celebrate the traditional Hallel with the Jewish community of Marrakesh.

The tour will take you from the splendors of Rabat, Morocco's imperial capital, to ancient Meknes and Fez, to the jet-set oasis of Marrakesh and to Casablanca,



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Morocco's premier city. Included in the trip are fine hotels, kosher meals and comprehensive touring of historic Jewish sites, synagogues and neighborhoods.

The trip is open to the entire

community. An information meeting with a video presentation will be held on Tuesday, December 17 at Congregation Beth Shalom West, 15 Chartwell Avenue. RSVP to Mina Cohn (238-4040).

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Members of Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood hosted their annual reception at the Citizenship Court in honor of new Canadians. Pictured are (from left to right): Dora Litwack, Pat Binder, Diane Koven, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Goldie Cantor, Mountie, Judge Judy Parish and Leah Miller.

Ottawa U. student pursues studies at Hebrew University

What more appropriate place to devote oneself to study and research on political thought than Israel where politics is a national obsession?

That's exactly what brought Olivier Bertrand, 21, of Hull, Quebec, to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem this past summer. Bertrand has a BA in political science from the University of Ottawa and is working on his MA thesis in political thought.

While in Israel, Bertrand found a golden opportunity to study with one of the Hebrew University's outstanding political theorists, Yaron Ezrahi, an authority on comparative politics of democracies and culture and democracy. With Ezrahi, Bertrand pursued his work on the political philosophy of the great German-Jewish thinker Herbert Marcuse.

Bertrand, who has always been interested in the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict, came to the Hebrew University to do a three-month independent



Olivier Bertrand

study program as part of an exchange that brings a University of Ottawa student to Israel and a Hebrew University student to Ottawa in alternate years. Established in 1990, the exchange is designed to promote academic ties between the two countries and universities and is funded by the Zelikovitz Family Exchange Scholarship and the Stephen Victor Fund, with the support

of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

As a French-Canadian Catholic, Bertrand is highly sensitive to inter-ethnic conflicts. Having spoken with people during his stay in Jerusalem, including Israelis, Palestinians and students from various countries, he is optimistic that the Mideast peace process will continue.

"What has happened in the past three years has brought great hope," he said, adding that "if there can be peace in the Middle East, there can be peace anywhere."

A grand opening for the Jarvis Freedman Torah Tape Library

By Kinneret Globerman

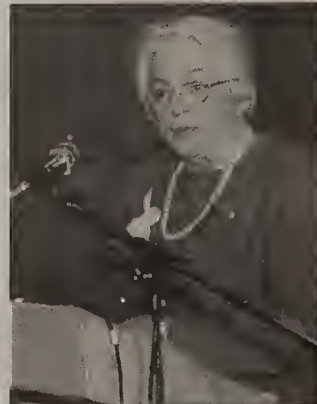
"There is but one business that's a Jewish business; there is but one enterprise that is accorded to Jews and that is the study of Jewish texts."

Rabbi Baruch Taub, founder of Toronto's Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue, was talking about the best-kept secret in Ottawa when he addressed over 100 community members who gathered recently at Nepean Civic Square for the grand opening of the Jarvis Freedman Torah Tape Library.

The tape library was set up over a year ago as an adjunct to the Jewish Youth Library, at 192 Switzer Avenue. Over 700 tapes on a variety of Jewish topics, from how to run a kosher kitchen to Talmudic legends and Chassidic music, have been made available for lending. The family of the late Jarvis Freedman established the library to ensure that the patriarch's philosophy - that Jewish education be accessible - would be promoted.

Jean Pigott, former chair of the NCC, spoke of her family's century-old connection to the Freedmans and how the late Jarvis Freedman had offered the financial help that salvaged her family's troubled business, Morrison Lamothe Bakery.

Jarvis Freedman's son, Jacob, best explained the purpose of the library. "The library," he said, "is really for you. It's for each and every member of the Jewish community no matter what your background is in Judaic studies. The use



Jean Pigott speaks at opening of the Jarvis Freedman Torah Tape Library.

of the library will fulfil my late father's wish to see Ottawa become a highly educated Jewish community and a centre of Torah."

With the rich and varied texts and tapes available at Ottawa's Jewish Youth Library and Torah Tape Library, Jarvis Freedman may just get his wish. Membership for the tape library, which includes the Jewish Youth Library, is an annual family fee of \$25. For more information, call Devora Caytak (723-7712).

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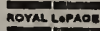
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MISSION POSSIBLE: JCC TASK FORCES

The action has intensified on all fronts as more Task Forces assemble and advance towards their goal - helping to create a first-class, state of the art JCC.

Talented members of our community are gathering into formations at a rapid pace. New Task Forces are being set up. Established Task Forces are firing away with great ideas and suggestions. The energy and excitement builds with every meeting.

The latest forces to mess are the Children's/Junior Programming Task Force and the Publicity and Marketing Task Force.

Chaired by Margo Viner and Sandy Kronick, the Children's/Junior Programming Task Force met on November 12, attended by Howard Levine, Randi Sherman, Penny Leikin, Sherry Guinness, Fran Kesler, Rob Freidman, Jenny Levine, Leslie Bricker, Ruth Elias, Monica Shevell and Heather Gilman. Other members include Arlene Glube, Dodo Bronstein, Sandy Goldberg, and Sheba Schmidt.

The atmosphere was charged. A multitude of new ideas and suggestions for exciting kids programming were put forward. Members also undertook to conduct research into what is happening in children's programming in other recreational complexes.

On November 14, the Publicity and Marketing Task Force, chaired by Francie Greenspoon and Jeff Polowin, met. Participating in the

Action Update

By Cheryl Cogan,
Chairperson, JCC Task Forces

meeting were Kevin Barwin, Debbie Malek, Danny Globerman, Zoltan Fried, Lawrence Wall, Linda Talier-Wakter, Benita Baker, Steve Bidman, Jeff Gould. Other members include Stuart McCarthy, Neil Bregman, Henry Hadida and Robin Shulman. The opportunity to have so many accomplished media and marketing people gathered together in one room is an experience in itself, and fireworks are expected from this talented crew.

The Technology Task Force, chaired by Steve Baker, has compiled an elaborate report including a summary of applications, requirements and options, support resources and justifications of their advanced technology recommendations.

The Health and Fitness Task Force, chaired by Greg Richards and David Schwartz, submitted an outstanding preliminary report on suggested space allocations and equipment for the new JCC recreational complex.

Both reports were extremely accurate in the details they explored and exhibited well-justified logic. They will be a great help in achieving our community's goal of a first-class facility.

In 1997, the following Task Forces will be the next to assemble: Budget/Finance, Special Needs, Teens, Library/Resource Centre, and Seniors.

Recruitment is ongoing! If you would like to serve on any of these Task Forces please call Cheryl Cogan at the JCC, 789-1818.

It's a kid's world at the JCC

New children's programs prove popular

Kids have always been a priority constituency for the JCC - and this fall kids have been having a ball in an array of new JCC programs.

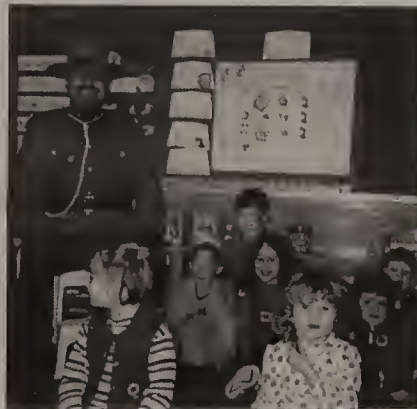
New Director of Early Childhood Education Joy Levine has revamped the JCC's afternoon program, now located in bright and airy rooms on the second floor of 1774 Kerr, the community's new property on the Broadview Campus.

Joy has created a stimulating program based on a different theme for each day of the week. Kids explore topics such as the natural world, Jewish traditions, different countries, or animal life. Through crafts, hands-on activities and creative play they absorb informal lessons in science, biology, geography and Judaism, while developing the all-important social skills they need to succeed in school and life.

An imaginative, well-planned program and warm atmosphere has made this program a winner with both kids and parents.

Garinim is set up to accommodate youngsters both from within and outside of Hillel Academy nursery. A new session of Garinim will start this January. (Please see page C7 for details.)

New programs for school-aged children have also proved popular this fall. P.D. Days have never been more fun. New Children's Programming Director Mark Hecht, surmising that kids don't want to come back to 881 Broadview on their day off from



A real Mountie helps Garinim youngsters explore Canada.

school, designed a series of P.D. Day programs which explore Ottawa. Approximately 30 excited kids visited the Canadian Mint for a guided tour, complete with new-minted samples and a film on the making of the looney. Their day also included a visit to the peace-keeping exhibit at the War Museum and an afternoon at Gym Jam. The JCC's next P.D. Day will be spent at Leisure Land, a waterplay complex.

Winter Wonderland Camp during winter break will offer six days of indoor and outdoor fun, including a sleep-over, theme days and swimming. (Please see page C7 for details.)

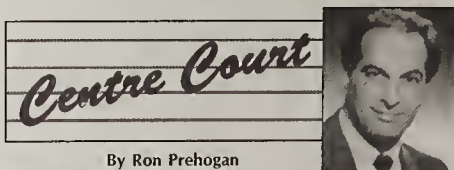
Children and parents have been encouraged to celebrate Jewish holidays together in the JCC's New Family Life programming. The fun of being Jewish is emphasized in events such as a Sukkah

program at the Experimental Farm in October and a Chanukah Adventure at Cosmic Adventures (planned for December 9).

In the new year, kids can participate in a whole new menu of programs. After school programs in the works include: Mission Possible with Alan Greenberg, featuring adventurous activities in science, espionage and more; Junior Aerobics with a professional aerobics instructor; and Junior Law School, which will feature a mock court.

Sunday Funday will run on alternate weeks, featuring a different activity or workshop each week. Planned workshops include clowning, magic, cartooning, unusual sports and a workshop called "gross cooking."

Watch Centrefold for these and more exciting programs coming up for kids.



By Ron Prehogan
President, Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa

Looking back on a banner year

Nineteen ninety-seven is just around the corner and it is going to be an exciting year for our Jewish Community and for the JCC. We have much to look forward to and much to be grateful for as we close the books on 1996.

I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the year that has been — and what it has meant to the Jewish Community Centre. We started the year with a new Executive Director, Ann Lynn Lipton, and with the promise of new ideas and a new approach to our 'old' Centre. Ann Lynn brought with her a breath of fresh air and we are still inhaling it.

The Capital Campaign got underway in March and nobody could predict the wonderful response we got from our entire community. With the help of Roger Greenberg, Stephen Victor and their enormous cadre of volunteers, we surpassed our wildest dreams and now our plans for a new Jewish Community Centre can be realized.

We travelled and visited other JCC's and we held focus groups that reached almost 800 people, and through that exciting and illuminating process emerged an image of what our new JCC should be like. We plan to create a "Jewish neighbourhood" in our building that will become a place for the Jewish community to 'hang out' in. It will be a place where you can study, socialize, shmooze, work out and just have fun in a positive Jewish environment that says, "YOU belong here."

We developed much needed data for the CDC which included budgets, membership information, space plans and much more. Helping in this endeavour were our Task Forces, coordinated by Cheryl Cogan, our unofficial Volunteer Coordinator. Special mention should be made of the Technology Task Force, the Health and Fitness Task Force and the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Task Force for their enormous assistance already.

Finally, we have changed our JCC NOW. We have new programs, new staff and a new look in every way. I am very proud of our staff and wish them yasher koach for the year to come. As your President, I want especially to thank our Board and the Executive Committee for their efforts. Our Executive is made up of: Jeff Gould, Vice-president; Ian Sherman, Treasurer; Rhona Levine, Secretary; and our at large members, Gabe Karlin, David Goldstein, Cheryl Cogan and Dr. Nordau Kanigsberg. They have devoted endless hours to our Centre and we could not go forward without them.

Overall, it has been a banner year for our JCC and we are grateful and encouraged by the growth in our agency. We say *todah rabah* to all those who have helped us in 1996, and we say, get on board for the ride of your life in 1997 and 1998!

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FROM WHERE I SIT . . .

By Ann Lynn Lipton, Executive Director, Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa

Todah Rabah . . .



Shalom Chaverim. It is amazing to realize that I have been in Ottawa just under a year. I began my tenure as your Executive Director on January 2, 1996 and the time has truly flown by. I want to take this end of year article to say *todah rabah* to those who work so hard to provide the wonderful programs offered by our JCC. We have spent a hard year in critical analysis of what is right and what is wrong in our Centre and in an earnest attempt to improve the quality and quantity of our programs. And we have only just begun to move our Centre forward.

But I must take this moment to recognize the talented and committed staff members who have given of themselves to make this process a reality. I want to applaud their contribution and their positive response to all the changes that are taking place. They are devoted to this community and they want to make the JCC the very best it can be — now and in the future. They have taken up the banner of change and throughout this tumultuous year they have shown their willingness to try new things and to create a new JCC long before we have a new building.

It is time to say *todah rabah* to our professional staff — Andrea Morton, Director of Tweens, Teens and Senior Adults; Estelle Melzer, Director of Information and Public Relations; Esther Schvan, our Singles and Golden Age Director; Sue Kollar, our Controller; Jon Braun, our Physical Education Director; and our Librarian, Estelle Backman. Newly appointed Early Childhood Director Joy Levine and Children's Director Mark Hecht have already made many exciting changes to our programs. As well, thanks go to Garinim Assistant Gail Lief and to Zelaine

Shinder for the wonderful Educational Resource Centre.

Thanks also go to Marie Stovicek and her excellent staff of educators who run such a special day care program. And we have a big thank you for Anne Benedek, our Bingo Maven.

Congratulations go to Rhoda Levitan for a most successful summer camp program. A special welcome is extended to Lisa Sourani, our new Cultural Director who is already hard at work on new programs, and Hagit Goldfarb, our newly arrived Shlichah, who runs the Israel Program Centre in the JCC. Thanks also go to Marla Spergel, our newly appointed Revenue Enhancement Coordinator, who is working hard to plan exciting and lucrative fund-raising activities.

And of course, we want to point out that the entire operation could not function without the hard work of our office and support staff. They are: Fay Schwartz, Barbara Breslow, Carolyn Katz, Christine Maddison, Julie Vertes, Dawn Paterson, Malvey Steinberg and Raul Longo. Without their diligence, none of the programs and services we offer would be possible.

I want to take this moment to say my special thanks to these dedicated people. We have much still to do to make the JCC the Centre of our Jewish community, but we are encouraged by the response to the changes we are making. What we need most is YOUR involvement. Please participate by coming out to our programs and joining our task forces or committees. That will be the best thanks our staff could ever get. Have a healthy and happy 1997. Shalom.

The Jewish Community Centre invites the whole family to A COSMIC CHANUKAH

On the fifth night of Chanukah,
the entire Cosmic Adventures galaxy belongs to the JCC!

Join us for a great Chanukah adventure

**Monday
December 9**

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
with candlelighting
at 7:00 p.m.

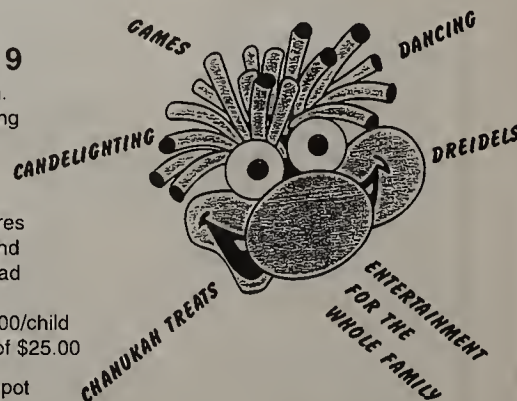
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Cosmic Adventures
Indoor Playground
1373 Ogilvie Road

Cost: \$8.00/adult, \$5.00/child
- maximum family fee of \$25.00

To reserve your spot
call the JCC at 789-1818.

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST COSMIC CHANUKAH!



Round the Centre

MENSCH OF THE MONTH

Phil Kretzmar

"Whatever I've given to the program, I've gotten so much more back."

Anyone who knows Phil Kretzmar never has to guess where he will be on a Tuesday night, every Tuesday night. They know he will be in the gym at 881 Broadview, teaching Israeli folkdancing in one of the JCC's most successful programs.

Approximately 45 to 55 people come out to dance every night. Anyone dropping by the gym will be impressed by the dedication, warmth and camaraderie of the group. That spirit is due in no small measure to Phil Kretzmar.

Every Tuesday he hurries home early from work - he manages a com-

puter systems department - grabs a light snack and is at the Broadview gym by 5:45 greeting new participants who come to learn the basic steps. He teaches dances at different levels of difficulty in a program that encourages basic, intermediate and advanced dancers to participate. He plans the evening's program of dances, arranges the music tapes, and, together with a core group of organizers, handles the publicity for the group.

Phil refuses to look upon his efforts as volunteer work. "Whatever I've given to the program, I've gotten so much more back," he explains. When Phil talks about Israeli folkdancing, it is clear that his involvement is a labour of love.

That involvement began in Vancouver, where he was studying after emigrating from South Africa. Hoping to connect to the Jewish community, he tried Israeli folkdancing at the JCC.

When he moved to Saskatoon, there was no Israeli dance group. He joined an international folkdancing

group and started to teach some Israeli dances.

In 1985, Phil came to Ottawa and immediately joined the small Israeli folkdancing group located first in the basement of Agudath Israel Synagogue and later in the basement of 881 Broadview.

He felt the group had potential to grow. An Israeli folkdancing party in 1989 had brought out a large crowd. Together with the JCC he conducted a major publicity push. Israeli folkdancing moved upstairs into the Broadview gym and Phil "made the commitment" to teaching the group.

Today he shares teaching duties with other "advanced" members including Teresa Narraway, Faigie Muroff, Judy Rostenne, Joanne Kalman and Annette Brand.

He continues to learn new dances through workshops in Montreal, the Catskills and even Venezuela. The group also brings teachers to Ottawa for workshops once or twice a year.

Explaining the mystique of Israeli



Phil Kretzmar

dancing Phil notes, "For some people it's a way to connect with the Jewish community. For others, it's an extended family."

"And for a few, it can change your life," adds his wife, Kaarina. Phil and Kaarina met at Israeli folkdancing. They now have a son Jacob, 1 1/2 years old, and are expecting another child. The Israeli folkdancing tradition in Ottawa is secure for another generation.

Come out to The Golden Age Club

Every Monday, the Golden Age Club meets at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel St. We have hot luncheons, interesting programs and friendly members.

December 9

12:30 pm

Chanukah luncheon plus entertainment

December 16

1:00 pm

Demonstration and talk by member of Taoist Tai Chi Society

December 23

1:00 pm

Speaker: Lawrence Greenspon, lawyer
Topic: Political Correctness: Are We Going Too Far?

December 30

1:00 pm

Speaker: Dr. David Fischman, clinical psychologist
Topic: Maturity: Achievements, Changes, Challenges

ADULTS FOR LIVELY LEASURE

A luncheon
Lecture Program
at Adugath Israel
Synagogue
1400 Coldrey Avenue
Thursdays 12:00 p.m.

December 19

Brian Given, Professor of Anthropology, Carleton University, on "Cults and Religion"

January 16

Social worker Helen Alvo on "The Psycho-Geriatric Community Services of Ottawa-Carleton"

For more information, please call the JCC at 789-1818.



Singles -
Enjoy life at

Zoe's

in the Chateau Laurier

Saturday Night

January 25

Watch for details

in the OJS flyer

For more information,

please call Esther

at 596-1076

In response to growing public demand

The JCC's Drop-In Diner

will now be open on

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS

12:00 - 2:00 pm

at the JCC, 151 Chapel

beginning January 2, 1997

WE FEATURE • fabulous home-style soups • sensational salads • marvellous main courses • delicious desserts

All 4 courses still only \$6.00

Under the full supervision of the Ottawa Vaad Hakashrut

(Please note: The Drop-In Diner will be closed December 24 and 31)



A mechiach! Golden Age Club organizer Lottie Shainbaum enjoys a back rub.



Golden Age Club President Ann Taller (left) and members try relaxation massage techniques.

Golden Age Club enjoys stimulating speakers and 'hands-on' activities

The Golden Age Club for senior adults has had a very stimulating and varied program of activities this fall. The group meets every Monday at the Jewish Community Centre. The first Monday of each month is a luncheon followed by bingo. There are also several special luncheons throughout the year. The Chanukah luncheon, for example, will take place on December 9.

Regular meetings feature a wide variety of programming. Luncheon meetings start at 12:30 pm, and other meetings at 1:00 pm. As well, there are trips to various places in the region.

Interesting guest speakers have generated lots of questions and discussions. Ontario's new drug plan

was explained at one meeting. On Remembrance Day, veteran Sam Ages gave a very well-researched and comprehensive talk on the participation of the Ottawa Jewish community in the Second World War. A talk on Massage Therapy got lots of "hands-on" participation and a discussion on Intimacy and Aging was lively and fun.

December's lineup of speakers is shaping up to be just as entertaining. There will be a demonstration and talk by a representative of the Taoist Tai Chi Society. Lawyer Lawrence Greenspon will drop by to discuss "Political Correctness: Are We Going too Far?"

The last program of 1996, appropriately, will be a talk by clinical psy-

chologist Dr. David Fischman on what the passing years have brought. His topic will be "Maturity: Achievements, Changes, Challenges."

Among the challenges coming up in the new year is a trip to the Casino in Hull. Check Centrefold for details on upcoming Golden Age programs.

The Golden Age Club is a warm and friendly group that is always happy to welcome new members. If you are new in town or are just looking for an entertaining program to liven up the winter, come to the JCC any Monday and join the group.

For more information about the Golden Age Club please call President Ann Taller at 236-3912 or Lottie Shainbaum at 235-4447.

BOOK FAIR 1996



Ottawa's new shlichah sees Israel as a force for fostering Jewish identity

By Estelle Melzer

Ottawa's new shlichah, Hagit Goldfarb, joined the community in November, and she's quickly learning the many roles involved in being the cultural and educational connection between Ottawa and Israel.

Hagit and her family, husband Avishai and daughters Shai, 8, Chen, 6 and Uval, 2 1/2, are members of Kibbutz Ein Carmel, located between the Carmel mountains and the seashore.

Most of Hagit's work on her kibbutz has been related to education. She was a teacher in the high school which serves many of the kibbutzim in the Carmel.

It is an open, innovative school where teachers create most of the curriculum. Hagit taught literature and bible to the senior classes. She also created and taught workshops for them on Talmud literature, Jewish history and traditions and Zionism. The focus of these workshops is to learn about Jewish traditions and transform them to speak to modern concerns. For young people, it's a way to explore their Jewish identity and incorporate their heritage into their own lives and beliefs.

Adults in the surrounding kibbutzim are also offered a similar program and many attend her classes one day a week.

"Because I was dealing with issues of Jewish identity all the time in my work, I wanted to experience this subject in the Diaspora, where Jews must actively create a sense of Jewish identity," she remarked. "Living in Israel, one does not have to think about being Jewish if one doesn't want to. It's all around us. Here in Canada we have to create a sense of Jewishness by the things we decide to become involved in or the knowledge we decide to seek." She hopes to focus on getting more people involved in Israeli programs and issues.

A new target area will be university-aged students. She is in the process of starting up a branch of the Progressive Zionist Caucus at the University of Ottawa and Carleton University. The PZC, which is a strong organization on American campuses, encourages students to discuss and learn about the issues facing modern Zionism, through meetings with Israeli experts and other types of programs. Any university student wishing more information about this organization is asked to call Hagit at 789-5010.

Hagit is also looking forward to planning Israel-oriented programs with the Jewish Community Centre. These include community-wide events such as Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Yom Yerushalayim and the Israeli Film Festival, as well as a variety of smaller programs throughout the year.



The Goldfarb family (left to right) Chen, Avishai, Shai, Uval and Hagit.

Eye on Israel will be returning. This very popular current affairs program offers lively discussions and exchanges of opinion with experts on a wide variety of 'hot' Israeli issues. Watch Centrefold for the first Eye On Israel program.

"Here in Canada we have to create a sense of Jewishness by the things we decide to become involved in..."

Hagit also hopes to conduct outreach programming to the various Hebrew schools and organize a special evening for Israelis and their families.

Promoting trips to Israel is one of the very important functions of a shlichah. Anyone planning or even thinking about a trip to Israel is invited to visit The Israel Program Centre,

located in the JCC at 151 Chapel Street. It's the place to go for information about a wide variety of programs in Israel for all ages, and at any time of year. Hagit is very enthusiastic about the new programs geared to families wishing to experience Israel together. "They're a wonderful combination of excursions and fun, interspersed with education," she says.

Hagit will also be involved with organizing the Habonim-Dror Zionist Youth group and Camp Geshar and encouraging youth in the Ottawa area to get involved. "I grew up in the Habonim-Dror movement in Israel and I feel I'm getting in touch again with the ideals that were part of my youth," she remarked. "I believe that Labour Zionist principles are very relevant to youth outside of Israel as well and can be a great way for them to experience their Jewishness."

For more information about any of these programs please call Hagit at the Israeli Program Office, 789-5010.

1996-1997 LOTTERY CALENDAR

HOW YOU CAN WIN

- For the purchase price of \$20 you have 396 chances to win money! Each calendar holder has the opportunity of winning a prize each and every day for 13 months. A total of 3,500 calendars have been printed.

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\$600 - 6 chances
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\$50 - 47 chances
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To receive your Lottery Calendar in support of the JCC and Ottawa Youth Programs, please make out cheques or money orders to "Chance for Charity Calendar" and send c/o 151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 7Y2.

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IN CO-OPERATION WITH **Edelweiss**

8 SUNDAYS, JANUARY 12 - MARCH 2



- Features:
- Eight 1-1/2 hour lessons (all day instruction optional)
 - Bus service and ski rentals available (no daily riders permitted on buses)
 - Bus pickup at: 881 Broadview; JCC, 151 Chapel
 - Pick-up times: 8:00 am Broadview & 8:30 am Chapel
 - Drop-off times: 4:15 pm Broadview & 4:00 pm Chapel

Program No.	Program (Prices include GST)	Lessons & Lifts	Bus	Rentals
1	Pee Wee Lessons (age 5-6) 1/2 Day — 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$105	Parents must provide transportation	\$120
2	Junior 1/2 Day Lessons* (age 7-12)	\$180	\$75	\$120
3	Teen 1/2 Day Lessons* (age 13-17)	\$215	\$75	\$120
4	All-Day Instruction (age 7-15)**	\$230	\$75	\$120
5	Lifts Only (age 7-12)	\$115	\$75	\$120
6	Lifts Only (age 13-18)	\$170	\$75	\$120

* Morning Classes. Afternoon free ski.

** Classes 10:00-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Lunchtime supervision.

Responsible bus and lunchtime supervision

Maximum of 120 spaces only available in lessons! Don't be disappointed.
Register now!

REGISTRATION

You **MUST** be a JCC Member to participate in the JCC Ski Program.

1. By mail, please use form provided below. Payment must be included. Cheques should be made out to: JCC Ski Program, 151 Chapel St., Ottawa, Ont. K1N 7Y2
2. In person, at the JCC Program Office, 151 Chapel Street.
3. Deadline for Ski Program registration, December 31; January 24 (Teen Bus)
4. Rental measurements will be done on January 9, 7:00 p.m. at 881 Broadview Avenue, (Chapel). All skiers who need rentals should be present to ensure proper fit of boots and skis!

NOTES:

Phone-in registration will NOT be accepted. The JCC reserves the right to limit registration based on programs or transportation restrictions. Ski tags and group information will be mailed to you in early January.

REFUND POLICY:

100% less \$10.00 administrative fee if notice of withdrawal received before January 5. No refunds after January 5 except for medical reasons.

JCC SKI PROGRAM '97 REGISTRATION FORM

Parents' Names _____ Phone # _____ (h) _____ (o) _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Emergency Name _____ Phone # _____

Bus Pick-Up: Chapel _____ Broadview _____

Skiers' Names _____ Age _____ Program # _____ Level* _____ Fee _____

For Rentals

Ht. _____ Wt. _____ Boot Size _____ Fee _____

If not already a JCC Member please enclose Universal Membership Fee.

Total Amount Enclosed _____

*Level: 1. Never skied 2. Snowplow 3. Glide christies 4. Parallel
Please mail to: JCC Program, 151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 7Y2.

Program
No. 7

FOR TEENS ONLY

Grades 9 - 13

**5 Sundays
Skiing
Different Hills
including White Face
at Lake Placid and
Mont Tremblant!**

DATES: February 2 - March 2

HILLS: Mont Tremblant (twice),
Mont Ste-Marie, Edelweiss,
White Face, Lake Placid

COST: \$290 RENTALS NOT INCLUDED

DEPARTURE: 8:00 a.m., 881 Broadview

Experienced Skiers Only Please!



Gettin' Physical



Floor hockey referees Mark Aronson (left) and Adam Agulnik are "old boys" of the league.

'Alumni' help continue floor hockey tradition

By Jon Braun
Director of Athletics

Thursday evenings in JCC Youth Athletics 'country' means only one thing, pre-teen and teen floor hockey. Approximately fifty boys gather in the gym at 881 Broadview every Thursday night for fast-paced, end to end action. It's fun, it's a break from homework and it's a great way to hook up with friends.

Floor hockey has been a long-standing tradition at the JCC. This year the league has an interesting added feature. Some of the referees

run right up and down the gym blowing their whistles are alumni of the league.

Mark Aronson, a JCC floor hockey veteran, is doing a fine job with the pre-teens, while Adam 'What You Lookin' At?' Agulnik is keeping a close eye on the older boys.

It's great to see alumni coming back to their old stomping grounds and making sure that today's kids have the same positive experience that they had when they were participating in the program. Many thanks, Mark and Adam.

New talent energizes JMBL

By Jon Braun
Director of Athletics

The Jewish Men's Basketball League is off and gunning! The 1996-97 season promises to be an exciting and competitive year with six new teams duking it out every week for that Championship ring.

This season sees a lot of new and young talent entering the league. All that energy should develop into a 'run and gun' year for the J.M.B.L.

Check out the January edition of *Centrefold* for a team-by-team halfway point analysis of the J.M.B.L.!

WEEK 5 STANDINGS			
	Wins	Losses	Points
Green	4	1	13
Black	3	2	11
Gold	3	2	11
Red	2	3	9
White	2	3	9
Royal	1	4	7

TOP 10 SCORERS			
Player	Team	Avg	GP
1. Jeff Plect	Gold	27.4	5
2. Doron Dickson	White	21.8	5
3. Mark Cantor	Green	20.4	5
4. Ian Shabinsky	White	20.0	4
5. Gord Betcherman	Blue	20.0	3
6. Mitch Novick	Black	18.6	5
7. Joey Lyman	Red	17.8	5
8. Ted Sadinsky	Black	16.6	5
9. Manny Olszynko	Green	15.8	5
10. Dave Feldberg	Green	14.0	4

PHYS. ED. DEPARTMENT - 1997 PROGRAMS

NOON LOW-IMPACT FITNESS

A low impact program designed to increase cardiovascular fitness, flexibility, muscular strength and endurance, balance, and co-ordination. Our nationally certified fitness instructor provides a fun, safe and effective exercise program using lively music and varied routines.

Duration: January 6 to April 25
Time: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
Place: JCC Gym, 151 Chapel Street
Cost: \$50.00 per session
Health Club, General Fitness, and Rhythmic Fitness Members - FREE

WEST END RHYTHMIC FITNESS...

For Women Only

Led by Doreen Keir, this exciting program offers a fun, safe, and effective fitness training program. This class includes weight control, nutrition tips, and general wellness information in addition to low/high impact choice, power walking, dance routines, line dancing, light weights, and muscle toning.

Duration: Session II - January 6 to May 29
Time: Mondays to Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Place: Agudath Israel Synagogue 1400 Coldrey Avenue, Youth Lounge
Single Session: \$190.00 (Special bonus - January FREE)



PERSONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

Created for your needs and instructed by a certified trainer. For an appointment, contact the JCC at 789-1818.

SUNDAY MORNING PICK-UP

BASKETBALL

Duration: Until May 4, 1996
Time: Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Place: JCC Gym, 151 Chapel Street
Cost: JCC Members - \$40.00
League Members - FREE
General Fitness and Health Club Members - FREE

FLOOR HOCKEY BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Get all that energy out of the house and into our gym! The kids will have a ball and mom and dad can relax. JCC staff will arrange and supervise the party. **Sundays at 881 Broadview**
To reserve a date call Jon Braun at 789-1818.



After School Sports at 881 Broadview

Floor Hockey

For kids in grades 2 - 6
Duration: Wednesdays, January 8 - March 26
Cost: \$25.00

Girls Only Floor Hockey

For Girls in grades 6, 7, 8
Duration: Thursdays, January 9 - March 27
Cost: \$25.00



TEEN HOOPS

Every Monday
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
JCC, 151 Chapel

One Monday nights, one of the best basketball courts in the city is reserved just for teens.

Work on your game, get some first-class instruction and have an excellent 'run' every Monday at the 'J'. Get your buddies together and come on down.

Open to all teens aged 13 to 17.
For more information call Jon at 789-1818.

THE MACCABI CLUB

For sports-minded kids in grades 7 - 10

The Maccabi Club meets weekly throughout the year, participating in a variety of sports, including:

- volleyball • soccer • gymnastic • basketball
- floor hockey • fencing • skating and more!

Sports, films and special guests from the sports world will drop by the Maccabi Club to meet our members. Trips to sporting events will also be organized.

Join the sports club designed just for kids, just for fun.

Minimum registration: 12

Duration: January 7 - March 25

Time: Tuesdays,
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: JCC,
151 Chapel

Cost: \$30.00





Just Kiddin' Around

Tots explore "themes" in new Garinim

Where can you meet a Mountie, feed a ferret, raid a pirate ship, or make wacky pine cone critters? At Garinim, that's where!

The JCC's afternoon program for pre-schoolers has a new location, 1774 Kerr, and a new focus this year. The program runs Monday to Friday with each day of the week devoted to a different theme. Crafts, projects, stories and imaginative play expand on the theme in a very exciting and creative way. Youngsters eagerly look forward each day to the next instalment.

Under the theme of "For the Love of Animals" children have made a jungle mural and a life-sized lineup of jungle animals to climb over. One of the highlights of the class was a visit from a staff member of Critter Jungle pet store who brought special guests - a snake, a parrot, a ferret and a rabbit. Kids learned what foods the animals like to eat and helped feed them.

Children enrolled in the Nature theme day picked flowers and gathered leaves in the early fall, pressed them and have now used them to make beautiful wooden plaques and gift bags just in time for Chanukah.

The "Travelling Around" theme day focused on Canada this fall. Children did maple leaf printing, had a visit from an R.C.M.P. officer and made funny pine cone creations.

Pirates were the focus of "Fantasy Fun" day. Youngsters made their own pirate ships and are just finishing off their pirate costumes.

Fridays revolve around the theme of "Shabbat and Holiday Stuff." Youngsters have explored Jewish traditions through a wide variety of creative activities and



Garinim youngsters learn about "The Love of Animals"

are eagerly looking forward to visiting the Museum of Civilization for a Chanukah program.

Garinim will hold an Open House on December 10, 11 and 12 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Parents and preschoolers are invited to drop-in and share in the fun.

The next session of Garinim begins January 6 with new themes and new ideas to explore. Children can register for one day a week or for the entire program. (Please see the ad on this page for complete details.) For more information please call Joy Levine at 729-9533.

Register NOW for Garinim '97!

In a semi-structured setting, preschoolers, both within and outside of Hillel Academy, can develop their social skills while having a great time. Each day focuses on a theme which will be explored through art, crafts, music, cooking, cooperative play and more. Our classrooms provide a stimulating and nurturing environment.

Garinim is located at 1774 Kerr Avenue (Kerr and Broadview). Programs take place each weekday afternoon from 12:00 to 3:30 pm.

Teaching assistant Gail Lief will pick up the children from Hillel Academy at noon and walk them over. Director Joy Levine will remain in class to greet children coming from outside Hillel Academy. Parents have the option of picking up their children at 3:30 pm from the Kerr Avenue location or at 3:45 pm from Hillel. After school care is available until 6:00 pm in the JCC's After School Centre at Hillel.

Mondays - For the Love of Animals
January 6 - April 14 *Farm Animals*

Tuesdays - Travelling Along
January 7 - April 15 *Japan*

Wednesdays - Nature's Bounty
January 8 - April 16 *Our Environment*

Thursdays - Fantasy Fun
January 9 - April 17 *Castles & Dragons*

Fridays - Sabbath Stuff
January 10 - April 18

After school care is \$6.50/child per afternoon or \$11.00/family

For more information please call Joy at 729-9533.

JCC WINTER CAMP WONDERLAND

For kids aged 5 - 13



Great New Program!

JOIN US AT WINTER CAMP WONDERLAND

Six action-packed days of indoor and outdoor fun including: Sports, Science & Nature, Arts & Crafts, Outdoor Winter Games, Movie Madness, Trips, Theme Days and much more

SPECIAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

MIDWAY FUN • WAVE POOL • ONEG SHABBAT
OVERNIGHT PARTY • SURPRISE THEME DAYS

Excitement . . . Fun . . . Friends . . .

Dates

Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3
(Closed on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1)

Location

JCC, 151 Chapel
Shuttle Bus Service from West End provided

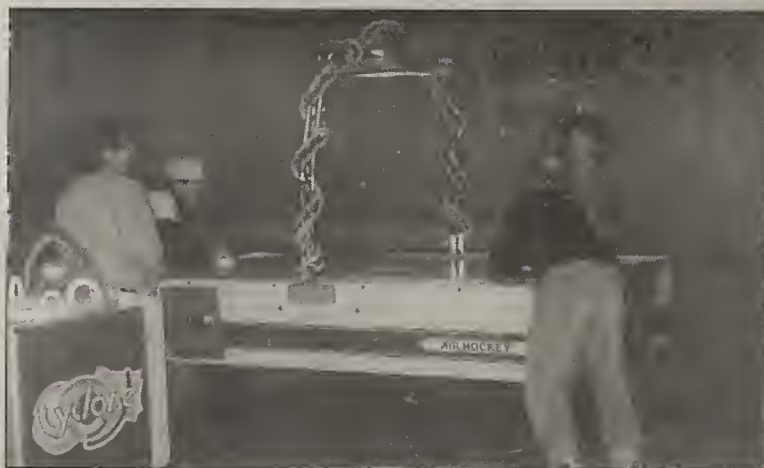
Cost

\$195.00 for the full session; \$35.00 per day
Scholarships available. Please contact Ann Lynn Lipton at 789-1818.
Lunch not provided. Please send your child with a dairy lunch.

Registration

Call the JCC at 789-1818 for your Registration Form.
Deadline to register is Thursday, December 12

For more information please call Andrea or Mark
at the JCC, 789-1818



Tween Times at Midway

Thirty-two young teens and tweens in grades 5 - 8 gathered at Midway, the amusement arcade, for a great Saturday night outing. They played basketball, air hockey and a host of other games and hung out together socializing. Tween Times, the JCC's program for young teens, is planning another great event, a Bowling Bash, on January 11, 1997. For information or to register please call Andrea at 789-1818. All kids in grades 5 - 8 are welcome.



JCC DAY CAMP 1997 NOW HIRING STAFF

If you have the following attributes and are looking for a rewarding, fun-filled summer, please call Carolyn at 789-1818 to receive your application form.

- **Maturity** • **Positive Attitude** • **Enthusiasm**
- **Enjoy Working with Children** • **Spirit** • **Appreciation of Judaism**



HEAD STAFF/SPECIALISTS

Appropriate skills/qualifications and experience required
Specialty staff must submit a program outline with application or at time of interview
Assistant Camp Director
Sports
Arts & Crafts
Ruach and Shirah
Performing Arts
Science (the MAD variety)
CIT program

SWIM STAFF

Swim Director
Current National Lifeguard,
Red Cross and
Royal Lifesaving Society
Instructor's Certificate
Current CPR and First Aid Certificate
Swim Instructors/Lifeguards
Minimum 17 years of age,
Royal Lifesaving Society
Bronze Cross Award
and Red Cross Water Safety Leader

OTHER POSITIONS

Counsellors
Specialty Aids for Sports and Arts & Crafts
High school and university students encouraged to apply.

C.I.T.'s

Must be a minimum of 14 years of age and entering grade 9.
Application and interview required.
Acceptance limited.

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WE HAVE
WARMTH.
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NEW SALARY
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WE WANT
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Applications received by January 31, 1997 will be given first consideration.

Applications should be addressed to: Attention of Rhoda Levitan, Camp Director,
JCC, 151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, ON, K1N 7Y2



Barbara Gordon
President, BBG Yod B'Yad



Dan Shugar
President, AZA B'nai Amitai

THE BBYO BEAT

B'nai Brith Youth Organization

Going Strong

By Dan Shugar

We've had some really great programs this November. On Sunday, November 10, we had our football program. Despite bad weather, we went out there and had a great time.

Our Bowl-a-Thon on November 16 was a great success. Everyone worked hard to raise pledges. We had a great time bowling and raised over \$100 for BBYO Ottawa.

The day after the bowling we ran a coat check and sold drinks at the JCC Book Fair.

Our latest program was Beauheart Convention. On November 29 we got on the bus and headed off to Toronto where we were warmly welcomed. We had a drug and alcohol awareness program on Friday night and on Saturday night there was the glamorous Beauheart Ball. Everyone there looked smashing. Our time in Toronto was amazing and we can't wait to go back again.

Coming up in December we have a father/son ninth night of Chanukah potluck dinner. December 24th is a movie night and on Christmas Day we are planning to do community service at a local soup kitchen or food bank.

Popular babysitting course offered in February

The JCC's Supersitters class completed another successful session this fall.

Twelve young teens attended the course and earned babysitting certificates from the St. John's Ambulance.

The six-hour course ran on two consecutive Sunday afternoons.

Participants learned a variety of skills including emergency procedures, infant care, conflict resolution techniques, children's games and much more.

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TEEN TALK

Rights, responsibilities and political conventions

By Stephanie Levitz

One would think that political conventions are crammed with veteran political groupies: those who have been involved in the party for years, have met every party leader twice, and love to wear the party colors. And, in fact, this year's Liberal Party Policy Conference was filled with these stereotypical party types. However, there were other conventioners to be found at the Ottawa Congress Centre and they were not nearly old enough to wear the "veteran" moniker.

The Young Liberals of Canada (YLC) is a group of politically active students ranging in age from 13 to 26. They have taken an interest in the politics and government of Canada and have ideas and plans that they want to share. They attended the convention to vote on policies created by their executive and to choose a new president. This makes them no different than the party veterans, except for their age. However, their reasons for attending the convention appear to be somewhat different; care and concern for their country do not seem to be the motivating factors. As an observer at the convention, I noticed a big difference between those with an active interest in politics and the Liberal Party and those with an interest that may have been active, but not necessarily in politics.

The Liberal Party Convention hosted YLC delegates from all over the country. Some younger delegates could be seen wandering around the Congress Centre with their parents, also delegates. I guess the parents wanted their kids to come along so they could make a family vacation of their trip to Ottawa. The youngest one I spoke to was 13 years old. What can a 13-year-old have to say about Liberal Party policy? There are not that many Craig Kielburgers in Canada! It does not seem reasonable that at the age of 13 one can form a concrete political opinion. As very few 13-year-olds follow the day-to-day actions of the Liberal Party and Canada's government without encouragement from parents or teachers, how can they possibly have the knowledge to cast a vote on resolutions that will alter, for better or for worse, party policy?

There were also young delegates who appeared to be present only for the supposed social status attached to being a member of a political party, especially the one in power. Most of the older delegates that I spoke to (between the ages of 16 and 22) were aware of the resolutions that would be voted on and had pretty strong opinions about them. However, they

appeared reluctant to have any involvement with the convention beyond the Young Liberal aspect. How unfortunate! Just as an observer and not a delegate, I was fascinated by all the people I saw and met at the convention. The opportunity to meet Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and government stalwarts like Alan Rock and Jane Stewart far outweighed the opportunity to sit in the food court in Rideau Centre talking about Beverly Hills 90210!

The young Liberals who were most fascinating at the convention were the political hopefuls, the young men and women who are trying to make it in national politics by working their way up through the Liberal Party. These are the handshakers and baby kissers who have begun to learn what politics is all about. They don't hesitate to voice their opinions, but at the same time have elevated themselves in their own minds to higher levels than actually exist. They have already mastered the art of evading questions on sensitive party issues. I had the opportunity to speak to two candidates for the Young Liberal presidency; both oozed political charm and made the Liberal Party sound like utopia. They are political veterans without being a day over 25, which isn't really helping to improve the image of the party to new delegates.

The Liberal Party Convention was not an exciting convention to attend. Rooms full of delegates sure of a Liberal victory in the next election did not provide inspiration to get involved in politics. However, for those with even a minor interest in politics, it was a haven of interesting people and famous faces, guaranteed to inspire even the die-hard non-activists to show a little interest, (except for those "activists" who didn't know why they were there to begin with).

Political conventions are a time to meet and discuss ideas and improvements for the party. Whether you have been a member of a party for 10 years or 10 months, you can observe the leaders of your party in action and question them: about their motives and future plans. Young Liberals should show the same amount of respect for and attention to policy as older members do in order for the Liberal Party to function as effectively as possible. Those attending the convention for purely social or family reasons are wasting their time, the Liberal Party's time and, most importantly, our money. You can never learn too much about your government, but it is a shame if you are supposed to and don't.

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THE WORLD

Clinton: Rabin was "a figure of greatness"

Below is the text of US President Bill Clinton's remarks on the anniversary of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination November 4, 1995. The president's remarks were delivered on October 24 - the assassination's anniversary according to the Hebrew calendar.

Today, the Yurzeit candle - symbol of the anniversary of a death - burns for my friend, Yitzhak Rabin. So often, we recognize the true measure of a person only in retrospect, when someone is gone, and his or her legacy becomes clear. But, once in a long while, a figure of greatness stands before our eyes, and we recognize it in an instant. Yitzhak

Rabin was such a figure of greatness. And virtually all of us who knew him during his life saw that immediately.

He lived the history of his nation - from the heroic struggles of Israel's birth to the repeated defence of its existence, to the quest for peace and acceptance after decades of conflict and bloodshed. He had an indomitable will, which he dedicated without hesitation to the life-long service of Israel's security.

For a people who, in 2,000 years of exile, were too often powerless in the face of oppression, Yitzhak Rabin embodied the independence and self-sufficiency of modern Israel. And he possessed something else: the genius to see, after a lifetime of war, that the greatest safety for Israel's people can be attained when peace and security are one. Through deeds as well as words, he helped bring an entire region to the threshold of a new and better day. Yitzhak Rabin was truly a light unto the nations.

It was one of the great privileges of my life to know Prime Minister Rabin, and to have worked with him for the benefit of the people of Israel and all the Middle East. I'll always remember the first time we met at the White House.

He told me that he had a mandate from the people of Israel to take calculated risks for peace. And I told him that I would be his partner in advancing peace and in minimizing those risks. That was my pledge to him, and that remains my commitment to the people of Israel. I will do all I can do to preserve Yitzhak Rabin's legacy by helping Israel to make a secure peace with its neighbors.

A year has passed. The wounds of loss have not healed. But the memory of Prime Minister Rabin remains a powerful inspiration to me and to people the world over. In March, I visited Har Herzl. In keeping with the Jewish tradition of only adding to the memory of those who have died and never detracting from it, I put a small stone from the South Lawn of the White House on his grave.

That stone symbolized the depth of my feeling for my friend, Yitzhak Rabin, and the unshakable bonds between our two nations, which he did so much to strengthen.

Today, on the anniversary of his death, I ask all men and women of good will to join me in adding to the memory of this remarkable man, by carrying on the struggle for security and peace for Israel, and the reconciliation for the peoples of the Middle East. Yitzhak Rabin made that struggle his last work. Now it is our responsibility to make good on his legacy.

(Near East Report, November 4, 1996)



The late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, with US President Bill Clinton, during one of his many White House visits.

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BOOK REVIEW

Second volume of Elie Wiesel's memoir reveals a more combative side to the writer

Reviewed by Arnold Ages

It will probably be several months before the second volume of Elie Wiesel's autobiography, written in French and called *Et la mer n'est pas remplie* (And the Sea is Not Filled Up), becomes available in English translation. A great pity! It is not merely a worthy successor to the first but a book with a different agenda and texture, a work in which Wiesel uncharacteristically takes off the gloves and has a go at his personal detractors and at those insensate haters of Israel and the Jewish people.

But this is not a polemical memoir alone, it is a compendium of personal historical recollections, reflections on Biblical and Talmudic lore, descriptions of epoch-making events, self-effacing anecdotes, encounters with world leaders, journalistic clashes, university teaching and academic mores, family tragedies, jet-lag travelling and half a hundred other disparate events which Wiesel has crowded into his unbelievably busy daily schedule in the last 26 years.

Although he tried to avoid the political maelstrom, Wiesel's strong advocacy of Israel, Jewish learning and the importance of witnessing to and understanding the Holocaust, he has been inevitably drawn into being a lightning rod for criticism of those positions. Critics from all across the political spectrum think of Wiesel as the address to which they direct their vitriol and they have not been reluctant to express their views. In the past, Wiesel has been reluctant to give his side of the story; in this memoir, he does precisely that - and with panache.

Thus it is here that Wiesel reveals for the first time his side of the story about disagreeable contacts with Israeli writers on the left who have held him responsible for Israel's conduct, Israeli diplomats who tried to use him to further their own agendas, Holocaust survivors who have demonstrated incredible pettiness in their attitudes toward him, French journalists who have accused him of being a Jewish chauvinist, American critics who, in their pursuit of national recognition, have aimed their guns at him and academics who, having tasted power in Washington, have diluted their commitment to the Jewish community at large.

The two most painful episodes in this aspect of Wiesel's chronicle pivot around Simon Wiesenthal and François Mitterrand. In the first case and despite an initial cordial meeting with Wiesel, Wiesenthal, for reasons

that are not discernible, has attacked the author frequently for emphasizing the uniquely Jewish aspects of the Holocaust. There are personal aspects to the feud with Wiesenthal (jealousy over Wiesel's Nobel Prize?) that readers will find intriguing but as Herb Brin, an admirer of Wiesenthal and editor of the California string of Heritage newspapers, has noted, the Nazi hunter of Vienna has become irrationally fixated on Wiesel and should stop his unilateral vendetta against him.

The late French president, François Mitterrand, and Elie Wiesel hit it off well in France after a television lecture which Wiesel was invited to give as part of a series. For over a decade, their friendship flowered as the two engaged in passionate but cultivated debate over a wide range of topics with only one area out of contention - domestic French politics. Wiesel knew and admired the French president for his style, learning and intellectual probity. But, when it was revealed in the early 90s that Mitterrand, who had served briefly in the Vichy government, was continuing to give moral support to Bousquet, a convicted collaborator and anti-Semite, Wiesel felt personally betrayed. Moreover, he could not convince Mitterrand of the seriousness of Bousquet's crime. Part of their discussion of the matter is found in the 1966 version of the dialogue book which Mitterrand and Wiesel co-authored but it is only here that the full extent of Wiesel's disappointment with Mitterrand is expressed.

It is in this memoir that readers will also find several anecdotes regarding the strange pressures under which famous writers live. Wiesel, for example, was stalked once, like David Letterman, by a woman who claimed that she was his wife. A Canadian doctor contacted Wiesel and impounded him for an immediate emergency meeting. Despite apprehensions about the legitimacy of the encounter and a storm which halted transportation in the New York area, the physician arrived at Wiesel's apartment with airline tickets to Nepal and urged the writer to accompany him on his journey. Fortunately, Wiesel was able to say no to the invitation!

One of the most interesting aspects of this album of Wiesel's autobiography deals with his lecturing career on the circuit and in the university world. When he started his lectures at New York City's 92nd St. Y he was sure that he had bombed. More than 20 years later he is still packing them in with lectures on various aspects of Jewish learning. Since that period he has also become one of

the most widely sought after lecturers in the world.

In a document which deals with many solemn events - wars in Israel, fights over the Holocaust Commission (Wiesel didn't want to universalize the agency's mandate), an aborted meeting with the pope, President Reagan's incredibly obtuse decision in 1985 to make an official visit to Bitburg, a German cemetery in which a part was reserved for SS soldiers, testifying at the Klaus Barbie trial in France, lobbying with Russian general secretary Gorbachev over Jews in the then Soviet Union, visiting war-torn Bosnia - there is also a leavening of humor which occasionally interrupts the narrative. The best example is Elisha Wiesel's (his then teenage son) consternation on learning that his father has turned down baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth's invitation to toss out a ball at a World Series game. Wiesel describes the telephone conversation on this matter which occurred while Elisha was in the same room, dumbfounded by his father's incomprehension at the importance of such an invitation!

In reading the new Wiesel memoir, this reviewer found only one mildly disconcerting episode - his meeting with the archbishop (then cardinal) of Paris Jean-Marie Lustiger, a Polish-Jewish convert to Catholicism whose rapid ascent in the Church drew international publicity. Wiesel was not anxious for the meeting and was counselled against it by many friends. Despite his doubts, the encounter did take place and Wiesel reports that had Lustiger been exposed to genuine Jewish learning in Paris during the years he lacked "spirituality" he probably would have ended up as a rabbi rather than a priest. Wiesel is a trifle too forgiving and understanding here. Other Jews faced with the situation that Lustiger did, might have sought out Jewish instruction as did Professor Saul Friedlander (of *When Memory Comes* fame), before making a final commitment to another religion.

Wiesel has chosen as a title for this second volume of his memoirs a phrase from Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) which conjures up the vast expanse of the ocean which does not fill up even as the waters of many rivers flow into it. This is an apt image of Wiesel himself, a man of incredible depth, sensitivity and art, whose mind and spirit display inexhaustible compassion and creativity - which grow with each passing year.

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OPINION

Israel and Syria: Is war likely?

By Michael Margolian

Since United States-brokered talks at Wye Plantation, Maryland in early 1996 failed to make progress on key elements of a future Israeli-Syrian peace agreement, relations between the two countries have been on a steady, downward spiral.

Last spring, then Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres accused Damascus of aiding Hezbollah guerrillas in their attacks along Israel's northern border. In retaliation, Israel launched artillery and air strikes against terrorist targets in Lebanon. The election of Benjamin Netanyahu in late May coincided with a further deterioration in relations, as Israel's new governing coalition publicly condemned Syria for its long-time sponsorship of international terrorism. Consistent with opinion polls that show a majority of Israelis oppose withdrawal from the Golan Heights on security grounds, Netanyahu also rejected Syrian demands to accept the land-for-peace formula as a precondition for resuming bilateral negotiations.

Alongside the current political stalemate, recent initiatives on the part of Syria's military have heightened tensions, leading to speculation about the possibility of another Arab-Israeli war. In August, Syria reportedly carried out a test launch of SCUD-C missiles purchased from North Korea. Unlike other missiles in its inventory, the 600-kilometre range SCUD-C can target any location in Israel, placing a number of high-profile civilian and military targets at risk. In September, Israeli and US intelligence began monitoring irregular Syrian military movements in Lebanon, some of which involved the concentration of commando units on alert near Israeli-held portions of Mount Hermon. In all, 12,000 Syrian troops were moved from positions around Beirut to the Golan Heights area, reminiscent of military preparations that preceded Syria's surprise offensive during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. As a precaution, Israel has deployed additional troops to the north, taken up unmanned positions near the border, and carried out exercises involving infantry and armoured units in the context of a heightened state of alert.

Against the backdrop of parallel military manoeuvres, a lively debate has ensued in the Israeli press about the possibility of conflict with Syria. In a controversial article by Ze'ev Maoz, Director of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies (Tel Aviv University), the security establishment is warned to prepare to defend Israeli sovereignty on the Golan Heights by force should the current stalemate continue indefinitely. A number of op-ed pieces which followed played down the likelihood of war in the near term, though the subject has not strayed far from the headlines.

The idea that, in the absence of an Israeli-Syrian peace agreement, the probability of war between the two countries would increase significantly, is not new. Before his assassination, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin justified negotiations with Syria on this very basis. In

recent months, Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tias and Chief-of-Staff Hikmat Shihabi have declared their country retains the military option should talks fail to produce an Israeli withdrawal. The question is: are these statements intended solely as a means of influencing the negotiating process, or do they point to a real risk of war in the months ahead?

Though Syria retains impressive conventional military strength, holding a quantitative lead in all categories of major equipment, it would face serious obstacles in an attempt to retake the Golan Heights by force. Most of Syria's military hardware is relatively outdated. Since the Gulf War, while Israel has invested more than \$10 billion in advanced systems, including late-model US tanks and combat helicopters, Syria has spent only a fifth as much on procurement, mostly on inferior quality items from former East Bloc countries. Of all Syria's combat planes, only around 10 percent are considered advanced (MIG-29s and Sukhoi-27s), compared to a much larger proportion of Israel's air force. In addition, the Syrian army faces a chronic shortage of spare parts, complicating efforts to prepare and train for an extended war.

Geo-strategic factors that have worked against Syria since the end of the Cold War remain in place. Israeli forces sit only 60 kilometres from Damascus, leaving the Syrian capital vulnerable to counter-attack. While anti-Israel sentiment is on the rise in Egypt and Jordan has recently taken a harder line against Israel's new government, the formation of a Syrian-led Arab war coalition is still unlikely, given intra-Arab quarrels and the absence of an overarching strategy vis-a-vis the Jewish state. In October, Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov reminded his Syrian counterpart that Moscow would not support offensive military action by its former client, effectively ruling out the type of weapon resupply effort that occurred during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. In turn, Israel's hypersensitivity to surprise attack engendered by that war and improvements in its early-warning capabilities reduce the ability of Syria to achieve an early victory.

In purely military terms, then, the risks to Syria of an all-out war conducted under the above conditions immeasurably outweigh the expected gains. To be sure, Syria could inflict considerable damage on Israel, but the latter's response would be devastating, perhaps even endangering President Assad's regime. As long as the innately cautious Assad is aware of the risks, the argument goes, war remains unlikely.

But what if Syria is motivated not by victory on the battlefield, but a desire to break the current impasse in the negotiations. As in 1973, the main objective in such a war would be political — to win international support for Syria's demand that Israel return the Golan Heights, to restore its position as leader of the Arab world, to achieve a symbolic victory, perhaps in the form of destructive missile attacks against Israel's heartland.

Two alternative scenarios could create further incentives for war: the first being progress on the Palestinian track of the peace process and continued reconciliation between Israel and parts of the Arab world, thus reducing the incentive for movement on the Syrian front; the second being the collapse of the peace process, causing Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority to support a more aggressive military posture intended to pressure Israel. In both cases, a Syrian-initiated limited war could be perceived by Assad as the better of two evils, particularly if the international community could be counted on to impose a ceasefire before an Israeli counter-offensive proved too damaging.

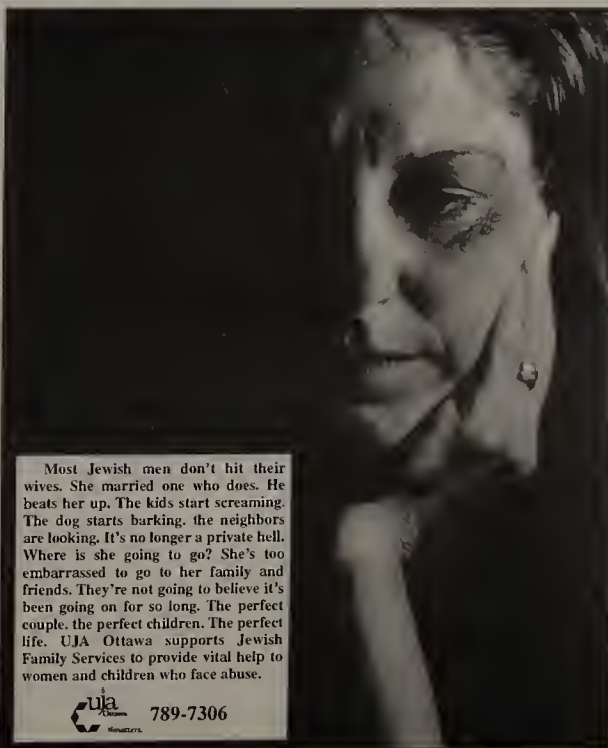
War might also occur as a result of miscalculation. Two large armies now face each other on high alert, crowded into a relatively small area. What one side sees as a precautionary move could well appear to the other as a provocation. An honest error in monitoring opposing forces is liable to generate a momentum towards war that would be difficult to reverse. A likely source of escalation is the ongoing low-level conflict between Israel and Hezbollah guerrillas in southern Lebanon. Should Hezbollah up the ante, either by escalating attacks on Israeli army patrols in the security zone, or by launching long-range rockets against civilians across the border, Israeli retaliation could extend to Syrian

forces in proximity to terrorist bases in the Bekaa Valley, as occurred last spring. In an atmosphere of heightened anxiety, such a proxy war could quickly descend into full-scale conflict.

In recent weeks, Israel and Syria have sent messages through intermediaries that indicate neither side favours going to war. Both Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Chief of Staff Major-General Amnon Shahak noted that while Syrian troop movements need to be monitored carefully, they do not mean hostilities are imminent. For their part, Prime Minister Netanyahu and Foreign Minister Levy have both expressed publicly their readiness to restart negotiations with Syria, and have received signals that Damascus may also be seeking a formula that would allow a resumption of talks in 1997.

Tensions have clearly eased, though the underlying risk of hostilities between Israel and Syria is likely to remain for some time. By all accounts, the enormous stakes involved should deter Syria from initiating a war it cannot hope to win. That said, the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict is replete with examples of events spiralling out of control. It is no surprise, therefore, that while Israel looks forward to a resumption of peace talks, it remains prepared for any eventuality.

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In God's Name

By Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
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Jewish Lights Publishing 1994
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By Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
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- 2 large eggs
- Oil



Peel and finely shred potatoes. With hands, squeeze out as much liquid as possible. Place potatoes in medium bowl. Peel and finely shred parsnips into bowl with potatoes. Finely chop green onions; add to potato mixture. Stir flour, salt, pepper and eggs into potato mixture. Heat 2 tsp oil in nonstick 12" frying pan over medium-high heat until hot. Drop latke mixture by 1/4 cups into hot skillet, cooking 4 at a time. With pancake turner, flatten each latke to a 3 1/2" round. Cook latkes for about 5 minutes until golden. Turn latkes and cook another 5 minutes until second side is golden. Remove latkes to wire rack. Repeat with remaining potato mixture, using 2 tsp hot oil per batch of latkes. Keep latkes warm or reheat just before serving. To reheat, place rack on cookie sheet and heat in 375° oven until hot, about 10 minutes.

Sweet Potato Latkes

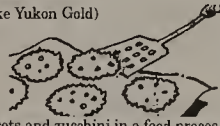
- 2 large sweet potatoes (or yams)
- 1 tsp powdered ginger
- 2 tsp ground cloves
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- Oil for frying



Grate the potatoes in food processor. Put the grated potatoes in a colander and squeeze out any liquid that came out in the grating. Add spices. Mix well so all the potatoes are coated with the spices. Form into patties, pressing tightly to keep the mixture together. If you find they fall apart, add a tbsp or more of flour as needed. Pour enough oil into a hot frying pan to fry some latkes using about 2 tbsp of the mixture for each. When the oil is hot, carefully place the patties in the oil. When the bottom becomes brown, turn over. When done, drain on paper towels on a plate. Should make between 10 and 20 latkes, depending on their size.

Vegetable Latkes

- 2 large yellow potatoes (like Yukon Gold)
- 2 large carrots
- 1 large zucchini
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup matzoh meal
- Oil for frying



Grate the potatoes, carrots and zucchini in a food processor. If you don't have a coarse grating blade, press hard on feed tube. Place potatoes in a colander and squeeze out all extra moisture. Do the same for the carrots and the zucchini. Combine all vegetables in a large bowl. Add egg and mix well. Add the matzoh meal a little at a time until the mixture just starts to dry out. Pour enough oil into a hot frying pan to fry some latkes, about 2 tbsp for each.

Heat oil until very hot. When the bottom becomes brown, turn over. When done, drain on paper towel on a plate. Should make between 10 and 20 latkes, depending on size.

Crispy Latkes

- 2 pounds russet or Yukon Gold potatoes
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 medium onion
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions, including the green part
- Vegetable oil for frying

Peel the potatoes and put in cold water. Using a food processor, coarsely grate the potatoes and onions. Place together in a fine-mesh strainer and squeeze out all the water over a bowl. The potato starch will settle to the bottom; reserve that after you have carefully poured off the water. Mix the potato and onion with the potato starch. Add the scallions, egg and salt and pepper. Heat a non-stick pan and coat with a thin film of vegetable oil. Pour about 2 tbsp of the potato mixture into the frying pan and flatten with a large spatula and fry for a few minutes until golden. Flip the latke over and brown the other side. Remove to paper towels to drain. Makes 2 dozen latkes.

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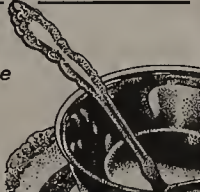
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"Traditionally the male was the voyeur.
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Art Works/Rose Ann Hoffenberg THE BACHELOR STRIPPED BARE

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Meier Dizengoff invited Marc Chagall to come to Palestine to lay the cornerstone of its new art museum in 1931. While Chagall was there, his imagination was filled with images of Biblical characters. He drew upon these for the commission he received from the brilliant Parisian art dealer, Ambroise Vollard. Chagall completed 66 etchings before he was sadly interrupted by the death of Vollard, the Second World War and exile to America.

The artist continued working on the illustrations after his return to Paris until he completed the entire series of 105 etchings in 1956. Fortunately, the illustrations and text of the Bible are not bound, which allows us a good look at the beauty of the paper, the medium, the typography and the design.

Abraham's Sacrifice and The Creation of Man are two illustrations from the Bible series currently on view in the exhibition of the male nude in prints and drawings called *The Bachelor Stripped Bare*, at the National Gallery of Canada.

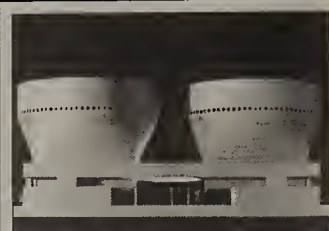
The Creation of Man makes a perfect introduction to a show that reveals the male nude who, before the modern era, appeared in very specific roles. Unlike the female, the male nude did not satisfy the market for erotic imagery (perhaps that is why some people call this exhibition boring), but rather his nudity identified him as a participant in a particular narrative. The flesh of the female, however, was often exposed for the purpose of titillating the

viewer, such as in *Susanna and the Elders* (Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, November 11, 1996). This issue is addressed in the title, *The Bachelor Stripped Bare*, which is a pun on Marcel Duchamp's elusive *The Bride Stripped Bare by her Bachelors, Even*, 1915-23.* Traditionally the male was the voyeur. Today the roles are reversed - he is being viewed.

The exhibition goes on to explore the training of artists in the Academic tradition. In addition, the curator looks at preparatory studies for finished compositions and at some of the meanings of male nudity. This is certainly not a boring exhibition.

Some of you may not be familiar with the prints and drawings galleries on the second floor, directly above the space that houses all the large summer shows. The gems that you will find on these walls are direct, intimate and spontaneous expressions of the artist. They give us a glimpse into the artist's mind and studio - a preview of the more highly polished final work. The levels of light in the gallery are purposely kept low to protect the fragile medium. You will be assisted by a glossary of print and drawing materials and techniques provided by the gallery. The exhibition *The Bachelor Stripped Bare* runs until January 5, 1997.

*Duchamp pays homage to the mechanized irrational world around him. All is left meaningless in the hands of this champion of Dadaism.



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Card of Thanks

The family of the late Ina McCarthy Swedler

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all relatives, friends and colleagues who gave us strength and support, shared in the grief of our terrible loss, and helped ease the pain.

We also thank all of those of you who gave so generously to help preserve our beloved Ina's memory. Your kindness will always be in our hearts.



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Mazel Tov to Leslie Shinder on the engagement of her son Jason to Jennie Levine by Linda and Steven Kerzner.

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Best wishes to Freda and Mac Lohel on their 50th wedding anniversary and best wishes to Mac on his special birthday by Linda and Stephen Weiner.

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Mazel Tov to Ruth and Irving Aaron on the engagement of their son Leslie to Lisa Wolfe by Inez and Joseph Zelikovitz.

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Best wishes to Larry and Nancy Pleet on their wedding anniversary by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

Best wishes to Jean and Juah Monson on their 50th wedding anniversary by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

Best wishes to Claire Borodovitch for a speedy recovery by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

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Martin K. Levinson leaves bequest to Foundation

Martin K. Levinson, FCA, passed away in Jerusalem on June 18, 1996, while on a family visit. Levinson will be remembered for his tremendous dedication and contribution to the Ottawa Jewish community.

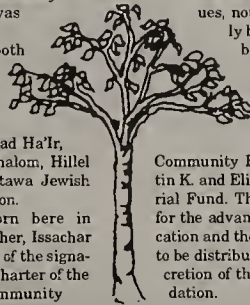
Most notably he was instrumental in laying the foundations, both ideologically and financially, for many of Ottawa's Jewish institutions and agencies, including the Vaad Ha'ir, Congregation Beth Shalom, Hillel Academy and the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

Levinson was born here in Ottawa. His grandfather, Issachar Dev Berman, was one of the signatories to the original charter of the Ottawa Jewish Community

Council, the forerunner of today's Vaad Ha'ir. From the age of 25 until his death at the age of 87 he was active in community life.







Martin Levinson's legacy of dedication to the community continues, not only through his family but with the substantial bequest left to the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation. The bequest is to be held in perpetuity by the Ottawa Jewish

Community Foundation in the Martin K. and Elizabeth Levinson Memorial Fund. The income is to be used for the advancement of religion, education and the relief of poverty and is to be distributed according to the discretion of the directors of the Foundation.






JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 30	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1	THURSDAY, JANUARY 2	FRIDAY, JANUARY 3	SATURDAY, JANUARY 4	SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
Jewish Community Centre Golden Age Club, Speaker: Dr. David Fishman, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 1:30 p.m.				 CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:15 PM		
Jewish Community Centre Concert Band Practice, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.						
MONDAY, JANUARY 6	TUESDAY, JANUARY 7	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8	THURSDAY, JANUARY 9	FRIDAY, JANUARY 10	SATURDAY, JANUARY 11	SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
Jewish Women's Support Group, Young Israel of Ottawa, 627 Kirkwood Avenue, 12 noon.	Ottawa Hadassah-WZO Council Executive Meeting, Home of Roz Tabachnick, 7:30 p.m.	JACS, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.		 CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:22 PM		
Jewish Community Centre Band Practice, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.	Beth Shalom Congregation Lehrs Haus (Adult Education), Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, Jewish Library, 7:30 p.m.; Pardes Program 8:30 p.m.					Cable 22, 4:00 p.m. 
MONDAY, JANUARY 13	TUESDAY, JANUARY 14	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15	THURSDAY, JANUARY 16	FRIDAY, JANUARY 17	SATURDAY, JANUARY 18	SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
Jewish Women's Support Group, Young Israel of Ottawa, 627 Kirkwood Avenue, 12 noon.	Chevaot Chapter of DRT, Home Decorating Ideas with Cecilia Troy, Home of Susan Marcus, 7:30 p.m.	JACS, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.	Ottawa Talmud Torah Executive Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview, 5:00 p.m.	 CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:30 PM		Tu B'Shevat Telethon, Regional Group, 200 Catherine Street, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Jewish Community Centre Band Practice, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.	Beth Shalom Congregation Lehrs Haus (Adult Education), Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.		Ottawa Talmud Torah Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview, 7:30 p.m.			
			Cable 22, 6:00 p.m. 			
MONDAY, JANUARY 20	TUESDAY, JANUARY 21	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22	THURSDAY, JANUARY 23	FRIDAY, JANUARY 24	SATURDAY, JANUARY 25	SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
Jewish Women's Support Group, Young Israel of Ottawa, 627 Kirkwood Avenue, 12 noon.	Beth Shalom Congregation Lehrs Haus (Adult Education), Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.	JACS, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.		 CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:41 PM		
Jewish Community Centre Band Practice, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.	Machzikel Hadas Sisterhood Executive Meeting, Machzikel Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:00 p.m.	Beth Shalom Congregation Annual Tu B'Shevat Seder, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 5:45 p.m.				

JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
<p>Jewish Community Centre Golden Age Club Chanukah Luncheon, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Band Practice, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Women's Support Group, Young Israel of Ottawa, 627 Kirkwood Avenue, 12 noon.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Cosmic Chanukah Party, Cosmic Adventures Indoor Playground, 1373 Dgville Road, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>Hillel Academy Parent-Teacher Conferences, Hillel Academy, 881 Broadview Avenue, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish Community Centre Shir-Am, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon</p> <p>Na'Amal Otzma Chapter Chanukah Candles Making, Michaels Arts and Crafts, Pinecrest Shopping Centre, 6:45 p.m.</p> <p>Cheverot Chapter of DRT Mystery Chanukah Auction, Home of Shelli Kimmel, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>JACS, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Henrietta Weiss Chapter of Ottawa Hadassah-WZD, Supper Meeting with Margo Boston, Home of Beverly Swedko, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Talmud Torah Executive Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview, 7:30 p.m.</p>	 CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:02 PM	<p>Emanah Women of Ottawa Social Evening, 684 Briarwood Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p>	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
<p>Jewish Community Centre Golden Age Club, Speaker from Taoist Tai Chi Society, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Support Group, Young Israel of Ottawa, 627 Kirkwood Avenue, 12 noon.</p>	<p>Jewish Community Centre Yiddish Hour, Shir-Am, Jewish Community Centre, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Drop-In-Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Machzikei Hadas Congregation Sisterhood Program, Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>JACS, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>		 CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:04 PM <p>Congregation Beth Shalom Shabbat Dinner, Auditorium, 151 Chapel Street, 5:00 p.m.</p>		
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
<p>Jewish Community Centre Golden Age Club, Speaker: Lawrence Greenspan, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Band Practice, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>				 CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:08 PM	Calendar continues on page 19	

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Women's Federation of the Jewish Community Council. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by advising Kayla Mallay, calendar co-ordinator at 789-9730 any time. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided.

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